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TAGS: OVIP (CEAUSESCU, NICOLAE) RO
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 31 CALL ON PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU
REF: STATE 83050

1. DURING HALF-HOUR TETE-A-TETE WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU FOLLOWING HIS HOUR-AND-HALF MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN VANIK, HE SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED PRESIDENT CARTER'S INVITATION AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THEIR MEETING.

2. INTERNATIONAL ISSUES HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS INCLUDE MIDDLE EAST, EAST-WEST RELATIONS (ESPECIALLY CSCE, AFTER WHAT HE CONSIDERS FAILURE OF BELGRADE MEETING), DISARMAMENT, INTER-AFRICAN CONFLICTS AND DECOLONIZATION, NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND CHINA.

3. AT THIS POINT HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT AND THEN ADDED KOREA. (COMMENT. THIS TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION CEAUSESCU MAY SEEK SOME SPECIAL ROLE ON KOREAN ISSUE. DEPUTY FOREIGN GLIGA TOLD ME EVENING OF MARCH 31 THAT CEAUSESCU VISIT TO PEKING WOULD BEGIN AROUND MID-MAY AND THAT THERE WOULD ALSO BE VISIT TO NORTH KOREA AND AS YET UNDETERMINED ASSORTMENT OF ASIA/PACIFIC COUNTRIES.)

4. CEAUSESCU DID NOT RULE OUT A FIRST MEETING DEVOTED TO
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IF THIS WERE PRESIDENT CARTER'S PREFERENCE, BUT SAID HE PERSONALLY PREFERRED TO BEGIN WITH BILATERAL MATTERS, SINCE THESE HAD HIGH PRIORITY IN RELATIONSHIP HE WISHED TO ESTABLISH WITH PRESIDETN CARTER AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. OTHER TOPICS COVERED SEPTELS.

5. APRIL 1 SCINTEIA FRONT-PAGES BRIEF NOTICE OF MEETING

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DIRECTLY FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF MEETING WITH VANIK (SEPTEL);
AS WITH VANIK MEETING, ATMOSPHERE CHARACTERIZED AS CORDIAL,
BUT SUBSTANCE NOT DESCRIBED.
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